



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1327

LCO No. 4580

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Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology

Introduced by:
(ET)

AN ACT CONCERNING UTILITY BILL PAYMENT OPTIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 42-133ff of the general statutes is amended by
2 adding subsection (f) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

3 (NEW) (f) A public service company shall not be deemed a seller for
4 the purposes of this section. Fees or costs may be charged for payment
5 by credit card, debit card or other form of electronic payment of bills
6 issued by a public service company, as defined in section 16-1, and
7 section 2 of this act.

8 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) A public service company,
9 as defined in section 16-1 of the general statutes, may offer credit card,
10 debit card or other electronic bill payment options to its retail
11 customers and shall recover the reasonable costs incurred by the
12 company in connection with offering such billing options.

13 (b) A public service company may pass on to those customers that
14 choose to pay by credit card, debit card or other electronic bill
15 payment any transaction fees or other fees or costs associated with the

16 transaction, whether those fees or costs are paid directly to the public
17 service company or paid to a third party in the payment transaction. A
18 public service company may require, as a condition of accepting such
19 payment by credit card, debit card or other electronic payment, that
20 the payor pay a service fee charged by the public service company or a
21 third party in connection with such payment option.

22 (c) If a public service company offers credit card, debit card or
23 electronic bill payment options, the public service company shall
24 include information on or with its retail bills regarding payment by
25 credit card, debit card or electronic bill payment, including any fees or
26 costs charged to the customer by the public service company or a third
27 party in connection with such payment options.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	42-133ff
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To allow public service companies to recover the cost of accepting credit card, debit card and electronic bill payments.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]